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SUBJECT: INTERNAL SECURITY IN JAFFNA

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1. TAMIL SEPARATISTS IN NORTH CEYLON AUGUST 3 SHOT AT TAMIL MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT C. ARULAMPALAM WHO IS MEMBER OF RULING SRI LANKA FREEDOM PARTY. ALTHOUGH ARULAMPALAM, M.P. FOR NALLUR AND POLITICAL AUTHORITY FOR JAFFNA DISTRICT, APPARENTLY ASCAPED WITHOUT SERIOUS INJURY, THIS IS ANOTHER INDICATION OF VIOLENT PROPENSITY OF RADICAL TAMILS. SHOOTING WAS APPARENTLY IN REACTION TO INDICTMENT JULY 27 OF SEVEN YOUTHS FOR FATAL SHOOTING OF YET ANOTHER GOVERNMENT POLITICIAN JAFFNA MAYOR LAST YEAR (REFTEL). INCLUDING MAYOR'S ASSASSINATION, THIS IS THIRD GOVERNMENT SUPPORTER -- WHO ARE ALREADY SCARCE IN NORTHERN SRI LANKA -- TO HAVE BEEN ATTACKED IN PAST YEAR.

2. ESTABLISHMENT TAMIL LEADERS CONTINUE TO CLAIM THAT THERE WILL BE NO ORGANIZED DISRUPTION DURING FORTHCOMING NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT RADICALS WHO HAVE SLREADY SHOWN UNWILLINGNESS TO HEED ADVICE OF TRADITIONAL

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TAMIL LEADERSHIP, MAY SEEK TO GRAB ATTENTION OF INTERNATIONAL

PRESS WHICH WILL BE COLSE AT HAND. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT  
GSL IS CONCERNED ABOUT THIS SECURITY PROBLEM AND HAS NOT  
REDUCED LEVEL OF SECURITY FORCES IN JAFFNA REGION AS IT HAS  
ELSEWHERE OUTSIDE COLOMBO.

3. TAMIL YOUTHS NUMBERING UP TO 60 PICKED UP BY POLICE AFTER  
LAST YEAR'S ASSASSINATION OF JAFFNA MAYOR ARE STILL IN JAIL  
DESPITE RECENT INDICTMENT OF SEVEN WHO WERE ALLEGEDLY  
INVOLVED. THEY ARE REPORTED TO HAVE GONE ON HUNGER STRIKE  
OR "FAST UNTIL DEATH" TO FORCE GOVERNMENT TO CHARGE OR RELEASE  
THEM. THEY HAVE BEEN DISPERSED TO SEPARATE JAILS BUT IF ANY  
ARE INCLINED TO BE MARTYRS, ALREADY TENSE SITUATION COULD BE  
FURTHER EXACERBATED.  
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